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## Occupied Germany:

A. Communicable Diseases: — Attached is Appendix "A" (Communicable Disease Report (By Land), United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 14 December 1945), Appendix "B" (Communicable Disease Rates, United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 14 December 1945) and Appendix "C", (Communicable Disease Report, United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 14 December 1945).

The incidence of communicable disease remains relatively unchanged in Württemberg-Baden. The epidemic of paratyphoid fever at Derlingen, LK Vaihingen, is slowly subsiding, while the small outbreak of influenza at Sjozdorf, LK Hall, has been completely checked.

In Stadtkreis Frankfurt during the month of December, 30 new cases and 5 deaths from typhoid fever were reported as against 29 new cases and 1 death during the previous month. The cases include 15 inhabitants of Frankfurt and 15 transients. The source of infection of 2 of the inhabitants of Frankfurt is known. One of the main localized areas of typhoid cases has been Sachsenhausen where 16 cases have been reported during the last 5 months. Personnel of food stores are being investigated to remedy this.

In Greater Hesse, RB Wiesbaden, the number of diphtheria cases remains at high level but this condition is expected to improve as immunization progresses. There is a high percentage of adult carriers. This was brought out when 98 throat cultures were taken. Twenty-one (21) were American soldiers and 6 were found to be carriers. The remainder were civilians and 25 were found to be carriers.

Inspection made of border communicable diseases control stations on the Austrian and Czechoslovakian borders reveals small numbers of refugees are being received at these stations at the present time. Housing of refugees is generally overcrowded. Living conditions of 3,000 refugees at Sommekaserne, Passau, were considered unsatisfactory because of gross overcrowding, inadequate sanitary facilities and poor kitchen facilities, while housing facilities for Displaced Persons in the same town were generally good. Corrections are in process.

In Stadt Kreis Frankfurt, 754 adult tuberculous patients are under home treatment with only 93 hospitalized, making a total of 847 cases. Five children are under home treatment while 20 are hospitalized, making a total of 25 juvenile cases.

B. Venereal Disease: — The incidence of gonorrhea remains at a high level in Greater Hesse. If prophylactics were made available to the civilian population the rate would be cut considerably. There are now 15 venereal disease treatment centers in operation.

In Land Bavaria, all cases of gonorrhea among Displaced Persons and German civilians are being treated with penicillin.

C. Veterinary Affairs: — The incidence of animal communicable diseases, in Land Bavaria, during the month of December, 1945 has decreased considerably. Ordinances for the control of glanders and scabies of horses, have been published by the Bavarian Minister of Interior. These two diseases were introduced into Germany during the war, and vigorous measures are being enforced to eradicate them.

D. Nursing: — During a field trip in Land Bavaria, to Displaced Persons and refugee camps in Oberbayern and Niederbayern, it was revealed that German community hospitals are giving satisfactory care to the patients of the camps visited.

E. Medical Supply: — Ten power dusters for mass delousing with D.D.T. powder have been delivered to Regierungsbezirk Detachments of Land Bavaria. Power dusters are to be used at refugee border control stations, and on an emergency basis among German civilians, to control typhus.

The Ministerpräsident of Bavaria has been directed to establish Medical Supply Depots at Nürnberg, Regensburg, and Munich to distribute necessary medical supplies to Displaced Person's camps and hospitals.

Additional amounts of smallpox, typhus typhoid and diphtheria vaccine for the vaccination of Displaced Persons, have been procured from German civilian sources and delivered to Medical Dumps for distribution to Displaced Persons agencies.

The Ministerpräsident of Bavaria has been directed to establish a satisfactory German civilian distribution system for insulin. Insulin remains the most critical medical item of shortage.

**F. Nutrition:** — Recent nutritional surveys conducted in Nürnberg, Aschaffenburg and Landsberg Displaced Persons camps show that the nutritional status of German civilians and Displaced Persons is excellent, and that there has been no significant deterioration in nutritional level. The caloric consumption continues to be considerably above the office ration, even in the larger cities, apparently because of the availability of non-rationed or stored foods.

**G. Denazification:** — The Land Public Health Office of Württemberg-Baden submitted a detailed plan for the institution of political investigation committees at Landkreis and Stadtkreis levels for the purposes of denazifying the medical and allied professions. The plan which is under advisement, calls for the transmittal of recommendations through local review boards for local military government approvals.



# APPENDIX "A" Communicable Disease Report (by Land) United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 14 December 1945

Land	Popu- lation	Cases, Death	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE																									c: cases	d: deaths	
			Typhus Fever	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung & Larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza			Measles
Greater Hesse	3,251,226	c	1	—	—	—	—	—	286	49	109	13	20	1	1	382	119	34	10	3	—	—	40	507	—	—	1	17	3	*
Baden Württemberg	3,328,750	p	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	—	29	1	1	—	—	—	—	3	13	1	7	—	*	63	—	1	*	2	*	
Bavaria	7,295,680	c	2	—	—	—	—	—	371	95	202	53	32	2	1	605	166	77	8	10	—	—	1	1805	1	—	—	79	4	*
Bremen Port Command	558,096	p	—	—	—	—	—	—	79	15	10	—	*	—	—	92	23	9	—	1	—	—	*	*	—	—	—	*	*	*
Berlin (Am Sect)	800,000	p	3	—	—	—	—	—	126	20	52	3	*	—	—	266	37	60	1	14	—	—	*	*	—	—	—	*	*	*
			1	—	—	—	—	5	—	49	2	*	*	—	—	—	—	11	—	5	—	—	*	*	—	—	—	*	*	*

Rates Expressed as per 10,000 Population per Annum

Greater Hesse	3,251,226	0.16	—	—	—	—	45.76	7.84	17.44	2.08	3.20	0.16	0.16	61.12	19.04	5.44	1.60	0.48	—	—	6.40	81.12	—	—	0.16	2.72	0.48	*
Baden Württemberg	3,328,750	—	—	—	—	—	41.50	7.33	8.58	2.50	2.81	0.16	—	20.28	6.86	4.21	2.03	0.16	1.09	—	*	9.83	—	—	0.16	*	0.31	*
Bavaria	7,295,680	0.14	—	—	—	—	26.34	6.75	14.34	3.76	2.27	0.14	0.07	42.96	11.79	5.47	0.57	0.71	—	—	0.07	128.16	—	0.07	5.61	0.28	*	
Bremen Port Command	558,096	—	—	—	—	—	73.63	13.98	9.32	—	*	—	—	85.74	21.44	8.39	—	9.32	—	—	*	*	—	—	*	*	*	
Berlin (Am Sect)	800,000	1.95	—	—	—	—	81.90	13.00	33.80	1.95	*	—	—	172.90	24.05	39.00	0.65	9.10	—	—	*	*	—	—	*	*	*	

\* Data not submitted

# Communicable Disease Rates United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 14 December 1945

Regierungs- Bezirk	Popu- lation	Typhus Fever house borne	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung and Larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles	Mumps	
Kassel	1,159,153	—	—	—	—	—	—	43.10	9.43	10.33	3.59	0.45	—	38.17	22.45	6.74	3.14	.90	—	—	*	33.23	—	—	0.45	*	*	*	*
Wiesbaden	1,181,602	—	—	—	—	—	—	37.40	3.08	24.20	0.88	1.32	—	103.40	20.68	5.72	0.88	—	—	—	*	*	*	—	—	1.76	*	*	*
Hessen	910,471	0.57	—	—	—	—	—	59.96	11.99	17.70	1.71	9.16	0.57	35.40	12.56	3.43	0.57	0.57	—	—	22.84	247.24	—	—	—	7.42	1.71	*	*
Württemberg	1,908,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	35.05	8.83	6.90	1.93	3.86	0.28	35.88	12.14	6.07	3.31	0.28	1.93	—	*	17.39	—	—	0.28	*	0.55	*	*
Baden	1,420,750	—	—	—	—	—	—	50.87	5.49	10.98	3.29	1.46	—	*	*	1.83	0.37	—	—	—	*	*	*	—	0.37	*	*	*	*
Schwaben	949,043	—	—	—	—	—	—	28.50	5.48	8.22	—	*	0.55	42.74	0.55	3.84	1.10	—	—	—	*	*	*	—	—	*	*	*	*x
Oberbayern	1,932,163	0.27	—	—	—	—	—	23.94	5.11	15.33	1.88	*	—	39.81	11.30	1.88	—	1.35	—	—	*	22.60	—	0.27	—	8.88	*	*	*x
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	1,898,220	0.32	—	—	—	—	—	26.24	6.48	27.86	14.26	—	0.32	41.80	13.61	6.16	—	—	—	—	*	290.63	—	—	—	*	*	*	*x
Ober- and Mittelfranken	1,605,274	—	—	—	—	—	—	24.39	9.86	5.75	0.27	7.67	—	0.27	64.12	16.71	8.49	1.10	1.10	—	—	215.64	—	—	—	—	1.10	—	—
Mainfranken	910,980	—	—	—	—	—	—	34.26	5.71	13.13	0.57	2.28	—	9.14	6.28	7.42	1.14	0.57	—	—	0.57	21.13	—	—	—	26.27	*	*	*x
Bremen Port Command	558,096	—	—	—	—	—	—	73.63	13.98	9.32	—	*	—	85.74	21.44	8.39	—	9.32	—	—	*	*	*	—	—	*	*	*	*
Berlin (Am. Sect)	800,000	1.95	—	—	—	—	—	81.90	13.00	33.80	1.95	*	—	172.80	24.05	39.00	0.65	9.10	—	—	*	*	*	—	—	*	*	*	*
TOTAL	15,233,752	0.20	—	—	—	—	—	38.35	7.68	14.55	2.89	2.38	0.14	0.07	50.15	13.23	7.04	1.09	0.99	0.24	—	1.39	80.75	—	0.03	0.10	3.26	0.31	*

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